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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 4 through 12 with the following paragraph:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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This invention relates to the use of polyionenes are effective in treating or preventing oral mucositis in hamsters. For example, the polyionene poly(4,4'-trimethylenebis(1-methylpiperidinium)-alt-octane) (X) was effective in significantly reducing the severity of oral mucositis at a concentration as low as 1.0 mg/mL. This contrasts with chlorhexidine, which is